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CANADIAN IRON.

Effective Arrangements for Distribution of Sydney Pig-Iron in Britain.

Mr. Wallace Buell, general sales agent of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Limited, recently arrived at the Savoy Hotel, London, in the interests of his company. Speaking in this connection the London Express says:

"For some time past negotiations have been conducted by Mr. Montford P. Sayce, and have now culminated in a most effective arrangement for the distribution on this side of the Atlantic of the pig-iron product of the works. This pig-iron has excited much interest among the British steel-makers, it being specially adapted to the most modern methods of steelmaking, and on account of its fine quality, low cost, and the large quantity available, is looked upon as a most important basis of raw material for meeting the world's competition here in finished products. This is emphasized by such facts as follow: Inexhaustible quantities of coal and ore at the company's works at approximately from four to five shillings per ton respectively—a figure very much below the cost of these materials at any other works. While Pittsburgh is about 2,400 miles by rail and water from the principal European markets, Sydney is located on one of the finest deep-water harbors and coaling stations in the world, and is only about 2,300 miles from the coast of these markets, it being connected by a direct line of steamships, which is only about fifty per cent. of the distance given during the preceding four years. Competition did not account for the whole decrease. Either less rails were required or buyers were waiting in expectation of lower prices."

TODD'S TRIAL.
Jury Charged and Are Locked Up for the Night.

Winnipeg, April 2.—The hearing of evidence in the Gordon murder case for which Donald Todd is on trial, was concluded this morning. The afternoon was occupied by addresses to the jury, after which Chief Justice Kilham made an impartial charge. The jury retired at 6:30. They returned several times during the evening, and finally at 9 o'clock were locked up for the night.

A Night Surprise

British Capture Lager of Sixty Boers in Orange River Colony

Permission Granted to Several Mining Companies to Start Operations.

Miners Pay Must be Not Greater Than That of Irregular Horse.

Bloemfontein, April 2.—By a night surprise the British captured a laager of sixty Boers near Boschburg, between Brantford and Salt-Pan, Orange River Colony.

Capetown, April 2.—Lord Kitchener has granted permission to three Rand mining companies, which latter will be increased to seven, to resume work with fifty stamps each, provided the maximum wages paid to miners be not less than five shillings a day, equal to the wages of the irregular troops, to prevent discontent among the latter. The remainder of the miners' ordinary pay will be devoted to a fund for the benefit of the families of residents of the Rand killed in the war. The Transvaal chamber of mines has issued a circular objecting to the wages and the conditions to work.

Newcastle, Natal, April 2.—The Boers have detailed and wrecked a train near Mount Prospect. Subsequently Gen. Campbell's column attacked them and a heavy fighting ensued. Gen. Campbell being at an advantage owing to the mist on the hills. The result is not known here.

THE DUKE CONSENTS.

Will Present the Medals to Canadian Soldiers.

Ottawa, April 2.—(Special)—The Governor-General today received a cable message from Mr. Joseph Chamberlain stating that on his approaching visit to Canada, the Duke of Cornwall and York will be pleased to present the South African medals to the first and second Canadian contingents. The military department is at present forwarding the names of the several intended recipients in order that the medals may be properly engraved before presentation.

SEEMS SURPRISED.

Senor Lopez Does Not Understand Why Aguinaldo Took Oath.

Boston, April 2.—Sixto Lopez was informed today that Aguinaldo had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. Senor Lopez asked for the particulars. Upon being informed that only the bare facts had been cabled over, he said: "I think there must be some conditions attached to the oath. The announcement that Aguinaldo has taken the oath is very important. You must give me time to think it over."

VILLIERS' CRITICISM.

Has Not a Very High Opinion of Function's Trick.

Winnipeg, April 2.—(Special)—Frederick Villiers, the war correspondent, who lectured last night here, said he considered that Aguinaldo's capture was a piece of rank treachery, and the Philippines had been perfectly justified in hanging every one of his captives. He had been unsuccessful. No British officers would stoop to such a thing.

FRENCH PREMIER.

Operation on Him for Abscess Under the Tongue.

Paris, April 2.—Surgeons to-day operated on an abscess under the tongue of M. Waldeck Rousseau, the premier. He hopes to return to work on Thursday.

FENIAN RAID MEDALS.

Veterans Must Make Their Applications Before July First.

Ottawa, April 2.—(Special)—Applications for Fenian Raid and Red River medals will not be received after July 1 next.

THE BRITISH IRON TRADE

Lanarkshire Furnaces Closing Down Owing to the Eight Hour Strike.

London, April 2.—As a result of the disaffection existing among the Lanarkshire miners and engineers, 20,000 of whom are idle owing to a strike for an eight-hour day, some of the iron masters took steps to damp down their furnaces to-night, and the steel makers will stop their mills. The railroads, owing to the slackness of work, are sending engineers and shunters to some of the mines. Some of the smaller collieries have granted the eight-hour day demanded by the strikers.

Presiding today at a meeting of the Barrow Hematite Steel Co., the Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, took a pessimistic view of foreign competition. He said the total orders for rails given to British makers in 1900 had not reached fifty per cent. of the orders given during the preceding four years. Competition did not account for the whole decrease. Either less rails were required or buyers were waiting in expectation of lower prices.

LI HUNG CHANG.

Returning to Shanghai and Will Arrive There To-morrow.

Tien Tsin, April 2.—Li Hung Chang, with his body guard, is returning to Shanghai. He is indisposed. Steamers are detained at his disposal, and he is expected to arrive here Thursday.

A company of Germans defeated one thousand Chinese robbers on March 31, seven miles north of Tien Tsin, killing eleven and wounding fifty. It is reported that a dozen foreigners were operating with the robbers. The Germans captured thirty carts and a gun.

NANAIMO WATERWORKS.

Trouble Between Company and City Over Improvements.

Nanaimo, April 2.—The city council has warned the waterworks company that any expense incurred in the proposed new works will not be allowed by the city. The waterworks company declares that they will erect a big dam and other improvements, and the Mayor says an injunction to restrain the company will be taken if the latter persist in violating the agreement of last December.

The city council has endorsed a report of the market committee strongly favoring the selection of the old jail site as a suitable location for a city market, and is now calling for tenders for the erection of a market building.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tennis club elected the following officers last night: President, Rev. W. B. Cumming; vice-president, Mrs. (Dr.) Drysdale; secretary-treasurer, M. A. Camp; executive committee, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Mary Ramsay, Mr. D. Smith, W. E. Plummer, local manager of the Paterson Shoe Co., left today to take the management of the Vancouver branch. He will still retain the superintendence of the Nanaimo branch.

Following is the Nanaimo Association football team for the championship match with Victoria on Saturday: Goal, Dan Morrison; full backs, Robert Williams, James Munro; half backs, A. Hailstone, P. Gilmore, C. L. Brooks; forwards, J. Blundell, W. Calligan, I. Crozier, James Adams, W. Lockhart (captain); reserves, English, Williams, Halloran, Challoner, Gibson, Duran, A. Morrison.

There was a heavy snow and hail fall here nearly all day.

Murdered By His Servant

Jones the Valet Tells How He Killed Rice the Millionaire.

Repeats His Story of Suffocating His Victim With Chloroform.

New York, April 2.—At to-day's session, Jones, the valet and secretary of millionaire Rice, who was murdered some time ago, testified that Patrick had asked him whether he did not think that Rice was living a little too long for their purposes.

"I said I thought so," said Jones, "and Patrick suggested that we put him out of the way. I suggested Dr. Curry, but Patrick said Dr. Curry would not do anything of the kind."

Jones said that then, at Patrick's suggestion, he procured chloroform and, taking it from his brother in Texas, delivered the poison to Patrick.

"I walked up and down in the hall several times. The bell rang several times. I did not open the door. Finally after half an hour, I went into Mr. Rice's room, raised the window, took the mapkin and took away from his face and placed them both in the stove, where I burned them."

"I sent a boy for Dr. Curry, telling him that Mr. Rice was very bad. I went to the telephone to tell Patrick that Rice was near gone. When Dr. Curry came Patrick was with him. I told them Rice was dead."

"Dead! Oh, my God, Doctor, that is the worst thing that could have happened to me!" said Patrick.

Jones testified at length about the post mortem incident. He said Patrick on the day following took charge of the apartments. On that day Jones testified at the request of Patrick. He made out the checks for \$25,000 and \$15,000, respectively, on Swanson & Sons and the Fifth Avenue Trust Co. Jones said Patrick also took charge of about \$400 in bills and eight or nine dollars in silver from a drawer in the millionaire's writing desk. Jones said Patrick also took away two gold watches and all the private papers of Mr. Rice.

Jones related what took place on the day of the death of Mr. Rice. "I saw Patrick at his house," said he. "He told me to let him know if Rice grew better. He would then get from his office a bottle of oxalic acid, he said, to quicken Rice's nerves. Rice got better, and about noon he wanted to get up. He talked cheerfully about going down town, and seemed much improved. Jones said he could not get Rice to take the oxalic acid. He then telephoned to Patrick to meet him at luncheon at a restaurant on Sixth avenue.

"I met him there," Jones continued. "Patrick gave me the bottle of chloroform. He told me to saturate a towel in chloroform and leave it over his face for thirty minutes. He said Rice would probably cough, but that I should not be scared, as that would show that the poison has begun to work, and it would soon be over."

"I did as Patrick told me; I returned home, took a napkin and saturated it with chloroform. I put it on my own face first and then put it over the face of Mr. Rice and left the room."

Jones testified that Patrick had never been introduced to Rice, that Rice had never seen Patrick but once and had not known who he was when he had seen him.

PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON.

His Visit to Paris the Subject of Criticism.

Paris, April 2.—It is announced that Prince Louis Napoleon has arrived in Paris on a visit. Le Courrier du Soir, the ministerial organ, which gives him a warning to abstain from scheming against the republic, says: "This Russian general is not troubled by his military duties, judging from the frequency of his visits to Paris. We must be prepared for a resumption of the secret meetings at the house of his aunt, Princess Mathilde, which is frequented by nationalist agitators. We hope, for the sake of the tranquility of the country, no incident will occur which would oblige the government to treat the Prince as he deserves, namely, as a pretender."

FOOLED UNCLE SAM.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, April 2, via Haytian cable.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion has been ordered to convey Mr. Francis Loomis, the United States minister at Caracas, Venezuela, to San Juan de Port-au-Prince, where he will embark on a steamer for New York. President Castro is personally hostile to Mr. Loomis, because the latter protested strongly against the non-payment of large sums due to Americans after the President solemnly promised to pay the Americans before any other claims. Mr. Loomis discovered that the President was secretly paying German claims.

Russian Intrigue

Belief Growing That Manchuria Agreement Has Been Signed by China.

Southern Viceroy is Angry and Threaten Rebellion if Story Proves True.

Japan Not Satisfied With Explanations and War Is Talked About.

London, April 3.—The Morning Post publishes the following despatch from Pao Ting Fu, dated March 31: "Chinese officials here profess to have received information from Li Hung Chang that the Manchurian convention has been signed."

"The Chinese expect after all that the Manchurian convention will be ratified in the course of the next five days," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, wiring Monday. "The southern viceroys and governors are incensed and threaten rebellion if the court yields. The northern viceroys are more ignorant and indifferent."

The Tartar general at Feng Tien, Manchuria, has issued a proclamation assuring the people that the Russian occupation is only temporary. The Chinese troops at Feng Tien are wearing Russian badges, and the town is surrounded by a strong Russian force.

"Russia's reply to Japan's protest against the Manchurian convention," says the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, "is regarded as unsatisfactory and further vigorous representations will follow."

Prince Konre Atsumoro, president of the House of Peers, in the course of an inflammatory speech, openly discussed the probable results of a war between Japan and Russia, and said that Japan could count upon the friendly neutrality of Great Britain and Germany. He declared that the United States would not interfere and that France would only cause uneasiness by the employment of her troops at Port Arthur, and by a naval demonstration off Formosa.

This he predicted would be the limit of French action, and therefore Japan's vastly superior army would be enabled without great difficulty to drive Russia out of Manchuria.

Yokohama, April 2.—Leading Japanese papers assert that the Russian government has replied to the Japanese protest against the Manchurian convention to the effect that Russia does not wish to enter upon a discussion with a third power relative to her negotiations with China; that the proposed agreement is purely temporary and not intended to impair the sovereignty of China or to injure the interests of other powers; that the contents of the agreement, immediately upon its conclusion, will be communicated to the other powers, who will undoubtedly find them acceptable, and finally, that if any of the provisions are not acceptable to Japan, Russia is prepared to discuss the matter in a friendly spirit.

LISTING STOCK.

Steel Combine Wants to Get on Stock Exchange.

New York, April 2.—Application has been made today to the stock exchange to list preferred and common shares of the new United States Steel Corporation for \$55,000,000 of each. The application may be acted upon at a special meeting of the governing committee, as the next regular meeting does not take place until a week from to-morrow.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Ship for the German Explorers Launched.

Kiel, April 2.—The ship built for the German antarctic expedition was launched today. Prof. von Richthofen, on behalf of Emperor William, christened the vessel "Gauss," in honor of the famous German mathematician and scientist of that name.

ADJOURNED.

Imperial House of Commons Is Taking Easter Vacation.

London, April 2.—The House of Commons has adjourned to April 18.

DISCUSSING THE RAILWAYS

House of Commons Busy Over Canadian Pacific Land Question.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 2.—The house spent the greater portion of to-day's sitting discussing taxation of C. P. R. lands.

Mr. Sifton said all the lands would be patented within nine months, and if any municipality brought suit against the company for taxes, the government would give financial assistance to settle the long-standing dispute.

The alien labor law was considered. Sir Wilfrid Laurier accepted an amendment by Ralph Smith, that foreign advertising should not apply to skilled labor not obtainable in Canada. The Premier promised to consider the suggestion of Mr. Clarke, that any police or disciplinary magistrate or county court judge should have jurisdiction to try cases under the act.

The impression is general that before the next meeting of the railway committee, some arrangement will have been made by which the relations between the C. P. R. and Crown's Nest Pass Coal Co. will be less strained. It is said that the postponement of the railway committee was strictly on the initiative of Mr. Blair. While unquestionably the Crown's Nest charter will go through, yet there is a preponderance of feeling that Canadian interests should not be selected, and that consequently provision should be made to ensure no higher price charged for coal supplied by the mining company to Canadian points than to United States points.

A motion of Mr. MacLean's, declaring that the 20-year exemption of Canadian Pacific bonds should date from the completion of the road authorized by 100 to 7.

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Destruction Of the Forts

Allies Have Agreed on Chinese Defences That Must Be Torn Down.

French Soldiers Attack Captain Barrett of British Army With Sabres.

Pekin, April 1. Regarding the destruction of the forts, the generals are agreed that those at Taku, Shih Tai Kuan and Tien Tsin must at least be rendered useless, while the north fort at the entrance of the river Taku must be destroyed on account of the fact that ever since it was built it has caused lower water on the bar, having diverted the course of the stream. The generals frequently complained to the consuls, but no government has liked to ask China to destroy a fort at the entrance to an important river. This, however, can now be done as a matter of military necessity, and will give foreign merchants intense satisfaction, as the river thus, in a short time, again will be navigable as far as Tien Tsin.

General von Waldersee has ordered the generals commanding the allied troops and has requested the other generals to confer at the winter palace regarding the instructions to be given the ministers and as to what military action is necessary to be taken under articles 9 and 10 of the joint note.

Article 9 of the joint note of the powers to China, signed December 23, referred to the military occupation of certain points in order to maintain communication between Peking and the sea. Article 10 referred to the publication of imperial decrees prohibiting membership in anti-foreign societies, enumerating the punishments to be inflicted on the guilty, and holding the provincial or local official responsible for the maintenance of order within their respective jurisdictions.

Tien Tsin, April 1. An Indian sentry was shot in the thigh on Saturday night. He states that he returned the fire. He believes the aggressors to have been foreign soldiers.

German mounted infantry started yesterday in pursuit of the robbers in the Bi Tai district.

Capt. Barrett, of the British troops, was assaulted with sabres by seven Chinese last evening. He was not dangerously wounded, however.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDALS.

Duke of Cornwall Asked to Present Them to Canadian Soldiers.

Ottawa, April 2. A cablegram received from Mr. Chamberlain last afternoon says that the Duke of Cornwall and York has been called to, asking him to present the South African medals to the members of the first and second contingents, when he comes to Canada on his way back from Australia.

A FIRE INSURANCE CASE.

City Sues Union Assurance Company for Amount Due for Fire Insurance Tax.

The case of W. J. Dowler, clerk of the municipality of the city of Victoria, v. the Union Assurance Company, was heard yesterday before Mr. Justice Martin. The case arises out of the refusal of the company to pay what is known as the fire insurance tax of \$200 per annum, imposed by special act of the legislature upon fire insurance companies doing business in the city of Victoria, and known as the Fire Companies Act, 1871, for the support of the fire department. The company put in a defence that they were collecting their Victoria premiums through their agency elsewhere. Messrs. Mason & Bradburn appeared for the city, and Messrs. Martin & Denison for the defendant company. His lordship reserved judgment.

Before Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers yesterday morning the following application was dealt with:

Banks v. Woodward, application for increased counsel fee; \$100 allowed. Mr. Peters for applicant.

WEILER OFFERMAN.

Two Well Known Victorians United in Marriage Yesterday Afternoon.

A pretty house wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Barnes, Simcoe street, when Mr. Otto Weiler, of the firm of Weiler Bros., was united in marriage to Mrs. Offerman, daughter of Mrs. Barnes. Only the members of the family were present, the wedding being a quiet affair. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, officiated, and the bride was attended by her cousin, Mrs. Huxley, while Mr. George Weiler supported his brother. The bride was attended in a handsome travelling dress, and after receiving supper, the couple embarked on the steamer Rosalie for Seattle, on the first stage of a tour which is to include the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiler were the recipients of many handsome wedding presents.

OFF FOR HALIFAX.

"A" Company, R.C.R., Started This Morning Across the Continent.

The members of "A" company, R. C. R., who decided to continue in the service left by the Charmer and C. P. R. this morning on their way to Halifax, where they will be drafted into the Eastern section of the company, and with them, it is expected, he sent to some

distance station. Those leaving were Lt.-Col. MacKay, Lieut. Clarke, Sergeants, Farrell and Harris, Corporals, McDonald, Williams, Hutchison and Corby, and Ptes. Goddard, Thomas, Brumby, Corbett and Lickwood. The Union Jack, which has been flying from the flagstaff at Hospital Point since the company took up their quarters there, was lowered yesterday, and the old building will again be given over to the marine and fisheries department for use as a marine hospital.

RECEPTION TO STRATHCONA'S.

Troopers Who Represented Victoria Pleasantly Entertained.

Victoria's members of Strathcona's Horse were enthusiastically received at the entertainment given in their honor at the James Bay Methodist church last evening. There was a very large gathering, both of members of the congregation of the church and of friends and well-wishers. An excellent orchestra rendered several selections most acceptably. Messrs. J. G. Brown and Herbert Kent sang a number of patriotic songs, each of which was heartily cheered. A very pleasing feature was the musical recital rendered by the Pender brothers, who were at the concert. For the first contingent, Corp. Seymour Hastings O'Dell and Signaller S. C. Court, made short speeches, and Trooper Winkler, of the Strathcona's also giving the thanks of the boys from the front for the kindness of their reception, and also for the many comforts in the way of letters, newspapers, clothing and other little useful articles sent to them while in South Africa.

Col. Gregory was unfortunately not able to be present, a circumstance which not only he, but the company regretted. During the evening there were refreshments served, and in every way it was made what it was intended, a pleasant introduction to the everyday life of private citizenship. A word should be given to the decoration of the church, which was tastefully done with flags and bunting.

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Attacks on Count Von Bulow Regarding the Anglo-German Agreement.

Russia Said to be Fomenting Trouble in Korea—Boxers in Mongolia.

Yokohama, March 22. Associated Press letter per Empress of Japan—Japan is passing through a peculiar yet thoroughly characteristic political experience. The House of Peers refusing to pass the Taxation bill at a time of acknowledged crisis in internal as well as foreign affairs, the enormous power that the Emperor has been invoked, with the result that the recalcitrant peers instantly receded from their position and passed the bill by a unanimous vote, without amendment or change of any kind. The manner in which the mandate was given was notable from a political as well as from a sentimental point of view. Instead of its being a distinctly government measure, applied for by the cabinet and endorsed by the signatures of the latter, it took the form of a private admonition by the Emperor, who summoned the president of the House of Peers and handed him a document embodying the imperial will as expressed by himself alone. The instant obedience of the house illustrates in a striking way the fact that the ancient reverence for the throne is by no means impaired. There are some who regret that the final step has been taken, doing away with the time-honored principle of co-sulsion, and that the Emperor at last definitely descends into the arena of political strife. By the great majority, however, it is taken as a most healthy sign, and there is a feeling of general relief in the consciousness that there exists in the empire a power of last resort which can be invoked with absolute confidence in times of great public crisis. It may safely be said that the Emperor never stood so high in public esteem as he does now, when the last vestige of the impalpable mystery which once enveloped his presence has disappeared.

The submission of the peers was, however, by no means made without some show of resentment, and it is generally

felt that other deadlocks may ensue, especially when the question of the final passage of the budget comes up for decision. Party feeling is also becoming rampant in the lower house, the opposition having proposed the impeachment of the government for having invaded the imperial power. A scene of the wildest confusion occurred during the discussion upon this motion, the Premier himself appearing upon the rostrum with the declaration that so long as he and the confidence of the Emperor, the diet had no power to remove him. The motion for impeachment was rejected by a majority of 28.

The crisis in the foreign affairs of the Empire has in the meantime become far more acute, the high-handed policy of Russia in Manchuria and Korea, combined with the extraordinary interpretation put by Count von Bulow upon the Anglo-German compact, arousing the best patriotic spirit of the people to the highest pitch. It will require all the tact and management of the government to avoid the precipitation of a war with Russia. The native press, though as yet guarded in its utterances, shows signs of suppressed feeling, which indicate the confidence of the Emperor, the diet had no power to remove him. The motion for impeachment was rejected by a majority of 28.

It is needless to say that indignation was strong at the announcement of the German chancellor that the terms of the Anglo-German compact have no reference to Manchuria. Japan signed the agreement putting the natural interpretation upon its words; and it may readily be imagined with what disgust the Japanese regard this exhibition of Machiavelian diplomacy on the part of the Western powers. Taken in connection with the atrocities committed by the latter in China, the entrance of this country into the "comity" of the "Christian nations" is by no means any longer regarded as either a distinction or a privilege.

The telegrams from China this morning point more strongly than ever to a rupture between England and Russia. The South Chinese districts of the former country are moving out of Peking to protect the railways from Russian interference. Japan is turning to England as its only possible ally in the conflict which seems to be impending.

Funeral Today. The funeral of the late Capt. Holmes will take place this afternoon at 2:30, from Old Fellows hall, Douglas street.

Temporary D. O. C.—Lt. Col. Benson D. O. C., accompanied by his family, left this morning for Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, and other points in command of that military district. Until the arrival of Col. Holmes, who succeeds Col. Benson in this district, Col. Gregory will act as D. O. C. This is the first time since the appointment of this district.

Spring Creek Rich.—Mr. M. Macabe, of the Wilson hotel, has received a letter from Atlin, in which some particulars are given of the recent rich strikes of the Spring Creek mine. The mine was washed out three times, which went 20, 25 and 40 cents. All along the creek the miners are doing well. Mr. Macabe has claims near where the strike was made.

Route March. The Fifth Regiment paraded at the Drill hall last evening, and from there marched through the streets of the city. The turnout included 205 men of the rank and file and 14 officers. The band was in attendance and played lively marches. The men made a good appearance, but some of the companies appeared very small numerically. The citizens appreciate a good parade, and it seems a pity that more of the men do not turn out.

Has Not Resigned.—The Skagway Alaskan publishes a despatch from Dawson, in which it is stated that Macdonald, who has resigned his position as manager of the Klondike Corporation, and has been succeeded by Mr. Calderhead. This is not correct, the facts being as stated in the Colonist a few days ago. Mr. Calderhead has chartered the steamer for the company for the season, and will operate them on a percentage arrangement, and will report to Mr. Potts, who will be stationed there.

All May Move.—As a result of the passage of the War-House Legislation by Law, it is possible that all the Chinese laundries will be moved outside the city limits, or at least to the outskirts of the city. The law is a very stringent one, and the Chinese would be put to a great deal of expense to comply with it. Three of their number summoned for sprinkling clothes by spouting water from their mouths were in the police court yesterday, but the cases were remanded until Saturday.

Both Charged.—In the police court yesterday Mary Atwood was charged with stealing a skirt, and John Hill with having the skirt in his possession, knowing the same to have been stolen. A Chinese pedlar claims that he ended up the house occupied by the Atwood woman to sell clothing, and that the woman took one of his skirts and intended to pay for it. He went to get a policeman, and when he returned the skirt was found in Hill's possession. The hearing of the two charges will be continued today.

Young Tyrants.—On Sunday evening Elder Brooks and his followers, while gathered on Broad street, were attacked by a number of boys, who threw stones and eggs. More out of luck than anything else, nobody was struck, but several ladies had their dresses soiled. The police are handicapped in dealing with these culprits, as the Zionists refuse to prosecute the offenders, and of course when the police are around there is no disturbance. A man who interfered with the service on Sunday while under the influence of liquor has been summoned to appear in the police court for being drunk.

Chinatown Flooded.—Last night there was a flood on that part of Government street between Fisgard and Cormorant streets, and the trench 2 feet wide and 3 feet 10 inches in depth, which has been made, uncovering the old main, and in next pipes was filled, and there was also much water on the street. Several Chinese whose curiosity took them to the edge of the flooded trench fell in, and one little Chinese was almost drowned in the flood. The flood was caused by a backing up of the water main, a break having blown out. About midnight the water was turned off at the different valves in the vicinity, and this morning the flooded trench will be pumped out.

By Mr. McInnes on Thursday next—Questions of the Minister of Education—Was any sum deducted from the salaries of teachers during the time agricultural shows were being held in their districts last year? If so, why, and from what teachers?

Mr. Marlin to move on consideration of the report on Bill (No. 16) entitled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act" to strike out section 4 thereof, which reads as follows:

Section 4 of said Act is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor:

21. City school districts shall be divided into the following classes:

1. City school districts of the first class, including all incorporated cities and towns, wherein the average annual daily attendance equals or exceeds 1,000 for the school year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Victoria and Vancouver.

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SLUGGETT-GOODIE—In this city, on March 25, by Rev. Percival Jones, G. Sluggett, formerly of Owen Sound, Ontario, and Sara Goodie, formerly of Port Perry, Ontario.

WHITTINGHAM-SNIDER—In this city, on January 29th, Augustus Burton Whittingham and Martha Emma Snider, by Rev. Alex. Fraser.

DIED.

HAYAMA—At Ladysmith, on March 20th, the infant son of H. Hayama, Japan.

NISHIMURA—At Pender Island, on March 23rd, Ichitaro Nishimura, Japan, a native of Japan, aged 43 years.

FOSTER—In this city on the 2nd inst., Mary, wife of Robert Foster, of No. 15 Colborne street, a native of Scotland, aged 55 years.

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NOTICE.

VICTORIA LODGE NO. 1, I. O. O. F.

All members are requested to meet at the hall, Douglas street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 2 p. m., to attend the funeral of our late brother, FREDK. DAVEY, N. G. FREDK. DAVEY, Sec.

Mr. Curtis to move, on the third reading of bill No. 59 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company," that the said bill be referred back to the committee of the whole to insert the following provision as a new section:

That the plans, specifications and conditions of any proposed contract for the construction of the railway shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and that the contractors shall be bound to pay to the tender and complete the work under such conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall approve; and no contract shall be awarded, or work or material thereunder accepted without the like approval; and no mortgage charge shall be put against the line of railway beyond the fair cost of same and its equipment.

Also to add a new section as follows:

That no aliens shall be employed on the railway during construction, unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the work cannot be carried out without the employment of such aliens.

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THE SALMON FISHERIES.

There is no politics in the demand of
the salmon canners for consideration at
the hands of the government of Canada.
They themselves say that there is not.
They are not specially complaining
against Sir Louis Davies any more than
against his predecessors in charge of
the Department of Marine and Fisheries.
They have never had the consideration
to which the magnitude of the industry
in which they are engaged entitles them
to.

The canners say that the industry is
on the wane. They must know whether
this is true or not. They can have no
possible object in making such a state-
ment if it is not true. As long as there
are plenty of fish to be caught, it is a
matter of supreme indifference to them
whether they are the progeny of salmon
hatched out in the ordinary way, or
are produced in artificial hatcheries.
What they want is salmon, and when
they say that there is imminent
danger of the supply being exhausted,
they know what they are talking
about, and are not to be understood as
wanting a lot of hatcheries for the mere
sake of having them. We may, there-
fore, in discussing this question, accept
as established that there is danger of
the supply being exhausted. Certainly
such a contingency would be a very
serious thing for British Columbia.
The demand for canned salmon will in-
crease, and instead of our being com-
pelled to contemplate the possibility of
its ceasing to be supplied from this
province, we ought to be able to con-
template a rapidly increasing business.
If salmon canning should unfortunately be
stopped in this province because of a
shortage of fish, the loss to the com-
munity would be very great. The fact
that last year was a poor season for
fishermen, owing to the strike, prevented
the distribution of something like a mil-
lion dollars among fishermen alone on the
Fraser. This money would have found
its way into the hands of the merchants,
chiefly those of New Westminster and
Vancouver, and its absence cannot have
failed to have done serious injury to
the trade of those cities. You cannot take
a million dollars out of circulation
among workmen in comparatively
small communities without its loss being
severely felt. In addition to the dis-
bursements among the fishermen, there
are other large outlays, and if this
should be wholly cut off the entire com-
munity would very seriously suffer.

What seems to be most urgently needed
is the setting up of a number of hatch-
eries, not only on streams where fishing
is now resorted to, but on other streams.
The salmon fishing grounds of British
Columbia can, we are told, be greatly
enlarged by a proper series of hatcheries.
At present there is one such establish-
ment, and we are told that it is a very
poor affair indeed. Statements are
made as to the way the salmon fry
were handled last spring, which, if true,
show that the hatchery might about as
well not be there at all. But this is
only by the way. It is absurd to sug-
gest that one little hatchery can supply
the fry necessary to keep the rivers of
British Columbia well stocked. This is
a matter that will not admit of delay.
It takes four years after salmon fry are
put into the streams before they come
back again. It will take a year to get
the hatcheries erected and stocked, so
that at the best speed that can be made,
five years must elapse before the fish-
eries can be restocked with salmon fit
for canning. In the meantime the
catch will probably decrease from year
to year. It is therefore apparent that
if anything is to be done, it should be
done at once. Parliament has ample
time to make the necessary appropri-
ations for canneries, or if it is not willing
to do this, surely permission can be
given by the Department for the canners
to erect hatcheries themselves. We
shall refer to this matter again, and at
present shall only urge our representa-
tives at Ottawa to take the matter up
in earnest, for it is a matter of vital im-
portance.

We do not care why the steamer
North Pacific was detained at Port
Townsend. The fact is that this city
was without a mail from the Sound be-
tween Saturday afternoon and Monday
night, long after every business man
had gone home. We say that this sort
of thing is abominable, and that it is
high time the Post Office authorities
took some action. The more excuses
that are made for such a service the
worse it appears.

VICTORIA AS A CENTRE.

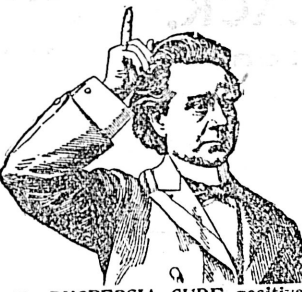
Some people express the fear that if
the proposed northern connections are
made, Victoria will be side-tracked.
That depends upon the people of this
city. They may make up their minds to
one thing, namely, that the whole
Northwest Coast will not stand still for
fear that some other place than our
city shall get the lion's share of the
business. Victoria cannot keep back
the development of this rich area any
more than Mrs. Partington could keep
back the Atlantic ocean with her
broom. Until this fact is realized, and
the people act accordingly, the city will
not be upon the right footing. Fear is
expressed that if a railway is built
from Wellington to the north end of
Vancouver Island, a town will grow
up there, which may take away some
of the business that is done here. Not
a little dread is expressed as to what
effect the building up of Ladysmith will
have upon Victoria, and as for Vancou-
ver, it is held up as our perennial rival.
Suppose that all these fears were well-
founded. Suppose even after the build-
ing of the road on the Island, a city
should grow up on Quatsino Sound, to
which vessels from the Orient would
come. What can we do about it? We
may prevent the development of the Is-
land temporarily, but that will only be
putting the evil day off. The people of
Victoria may as well make up their
minds that the Northwest Coast, includ-
ing in this term the Yukon country and
Alaska, is going to be developed, and
will possess all the needed transporta-
tion facilities, and that this city can only
get its share of the business that will
be thus developed by going after it.
Not long ago a gentleman called on the
Colonist to enter his protest against our
campaign for railway extension on this
Island, because, he said, it would ruin
Victoria, and he asked us either to de-
stist from it altogether or insist that in
legislation providing for such a railway,
there should be a provision that no line
of steamers should ever be put on from
the northern terminus of the line. He
gave as a reason that such a line of
steamers would either put the C. P. N.
out of business, or else would lead to
the removal of the headquarters of that
peculiarly Victoria company from Vic-
toria. Since then the C. P. N. has
ceased to be a peculiarly Victoria com-
pany. It has been absorbed by the C.
P. R.; Victoria is no longer the head-
quarters of the company in the full sense
that it formerly was. We mention this
not to complain, for there is no ground
for complaint against any one, and no
use in complaining of what takes place
in the ordinary course of business, but
solely to illustrate the folly of depending
upon a continuation of existing condi-
tions in order to keep up the business
importance of this city. There is nothing
that can be done to prevent business
changes. The only reason that there is
not now a great wholesale establish-
ment at Nanaimo, carried on upon a scale that
would enable it to control the northern
trade, is because no one has thought it
desirable to establish one there. Some-
body may think it worth while to set up
such a house at Ladysmith. A foundry
is to be built there; a shipyard there is
talked of. Would we stop these things
if we could? There are in the northern
part of this Island more than a quarter
of a million acres of first-class farming
land. If this should be settled, if the
adjacent pulp forests should be utilized,
if the copper mines at Quatsino Sound
prove to be what they promise to be,
there will certainly be one or two towns
of importance there. Do the people of
Victoria wish to prevent this? Surely no
one thinks it desirable to run a fence
from Saanich Inlet to Esquimalt and
say that hereafter there shall be no de-
velopment north of it, except on condi-
tion that every line of transportation
shall be so located that it cannot be
tapped by any other city than Victoria.
It would be pleasant indeed if some one
could devise a plan of transportation and
say to the people of this city that they,
for all time to come, shall have an ad-
vantage over all the rest of the world in
its use, but that is impossible, and every
one knows it. What we think is desir-
able is that the best possible facilities
of transportation shall be provided for
all parts of the Pacific Northwest, and
that Victoria shall be placed in a posi-
tion to utilize those facilities, on an
equality with every other point, and this
is why we have contended for a terminal
transportation enterprise, independent of
all transcontinental lines and operated
under government control of rates.
There is no other way by which this
city can be put on an equal footing with
any other point on the Coast.

It has been intimated that in suggest-
ing this the Colonist has been giving a
hint of what Mr. Dunsinuir proposes or
would like to propose, and that it is an
effort to draw a hearing across the
seam, the seam in this case being the
desire of the people of this city to se-
cure the construction of the V. V. & E.
Mr. Dunsinuir will hear us out in say-
ing that the proposal is not his. He will
also tell any one that asks him that he
had not the least idea that the sugges-
tion was to be made. He will fully en-
dorse the statement that the suggestion
was not made with the view of diverting
attention from the V. V. & E., at least
so far as he knows. And to this we can
add, what is absolutely true, that it was
not made with any such purpose.

The object of this article is to meet
the statements freely made to the Col-
onist, and not by the people who are op-
posed to railway extension on the Is-
land either, that Victoria may be side-
tracked by transportation lines to be
hereafter established. In reply to this
we say that, if this were true, it would
not prevent the establishment of such
lines of communication. Suppose, for
example, that with the development of
Oriental trade time will be of such im-
portance that the trans-Pacific liners
will make Quatsino Sound their port in-
stead of Vancouver. Suppose, if you
like, that a railway shall be built from
Albion to the East Coast of the Is-
land, and the Oriental steamers should
find it in their interests to use it
instead of going to Vancouver, trans-
ferring passengers, mails and freight
across the Island by rail and to the ter-
mini of the transcontinental lines by
car ferry. Does any one really think
that the people of Vancouver could do
anything to prevent it? When it becomes
important to save a day in Oriental

trade, the day will be saved, even if it
costs a great deal more than it would
to build a railway across this Island.
It is just as well to look the facts
squarely in the face and not deceive
ourselves into the belief that because
this is Victoria we have "a lead-pipe
cinch" upon the commercial develop-
ment of the Northwest Coast. We will
have just what we can get and will
keep just what we can hold. We must
be prepared to meet competition. We
can only ask the good old English chance
of "a fair field and no favor," and when
we get that we can hold our own against
all rivals. We have not that now. We
can only get it when there has been es-
tablished such a line of communication
as we have suggested. Give us that
and the business people of this city will
take care of themselves. They did so
against the tremendous rivalry for the
Klondike trade, and they can do it in
any field. At present they are handi-
capped. They have not as good facilities
for the northern trade as other
cities have. They never have had such
facilities as Seattle has enjoyed. But give
them a fair chance and give them the
opportunity to send loaded cars without
change to any point in the North, now
or hereafter reached by rail, and they
will hold their own beyond any doubt.
Victoria will become a great trade cen-
tre when it has connection North, South,
East and West, equal to those of any
other cities. These, with the exception
of the Eastern connection, can be se-
cured by the plan proposed, and that to
the East will follow.

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tics and old-fashioned nostrums.
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of the stomach, palpitation of the heart, shortness
of breath, and all ailments of the heart caused by in-
digestion, wind on the stomach, belching wind or
yawning, offensive breath, loss of appetite,
ravenous weakness of the stomach, improper cir-
culation, coated tongue, heart-burn or water brash.
His Headache Cure stops headache in a minute.
His Liver Cure corrects headache, bilious-
ness, constipation and all liver diseases.
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ourselves into the belief that because
this is Victoria we have "a lead-pipe
cinch" upon the commercial develop-
ment of the Northwest Coast. We will
have just what we can get and will
keep just what we can hold. We must
be prepared to meet competition. We
can only ask the good old English chance
of "a fair field and no favor," and when
we get that we can hold our own against
all rivals. We have not that now. We
can only get it when there has been es-
tablished such a line of communication
as we have suggested. Give us that
and the business people of this city will
take care of themselves. They did so
against the tremendous rivalry for the
Klondike trade, and they can do it in
any field. At present they are handi-
capped. They have not as good facilities
for the northern trade as other
cities have. They never have had such
facilities as Seattle has enjoyed. But give
them a fair chance and give them the
opportunity to send loaded cars without
change to any point in the North, now
or hereafter reached by rail, and they
will hold their own beyond any doubt.
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tre when it has connection North, South,
East and West, equal to those of any
other cities. These, with the exception
of the Eastern connection, can be se-
cured by the plan proposed, and that to
the East will follow.

The retirement of Lord Salisbury at
an early day is anticipated. His health
is very far from satisfactory. Whether
there is any desire on his part to get
rid of the responsibility of office, now
that the Queen he served so well is no
longer on the throne, can only be sur-
mised. Mr. Balfour is talked of as the
next premier, and it is said that he will
be elevated to the peerage. The wisdom
of his selection, and of his being given
a seat in the House of Lords are both
problematical. We incline to the view
that the Conservative party under such
circumstances would not be able long to
withstand popular pressure, and would
be obliged to give way. The only real
source of safety to it is found in the
failure of the Liberals to produce the
right kind of a leader. Rosebery is the
only man in sight, and he has not yet
disclosed those faculties which seem
called for at the present moment, al-
though there can be no doubt about his
very great ability.

The thoughtfulness and public spirit of
Rev. Mr. Hughes and the congregation of
the James Bay Methodist church in
preparing a reception for the returning
members of Strathcona's Horse are
worthy of all praise.

A salmon combine is on the pro-
gramme in the United States, and the
same lot of capitalists, that is the Morgan
crowd, are said to be arranging to
corral the lighting plants of some of the
cities. By this time next year Mr.
Morgan will be ready to be crowned
Emperor of the United States.

The citizens of Victoria said good-
bye to Col. MacKay, Lieut. Clark and
the remaining members of Company
"A" of the Royal Canadian Regiment,
with much regret. Col. MacKay and
his subordinate officers and men gained
the hearty esteem of the people of this
city, who wish them good luck in what-
ever held their future lot may be cast.

Mr. W. H. Ellis writes the Colonist
a letter containing a suggestion as to
how the immigration of Orientals to
Canada might be restricted without re-
flecting upon the honour proper of any
nation. It is worth some consideration,
as being about the only plan that has
been proposed since the Commission met
in this city whereby the influx of these
people can be kept within such limits as
will prevent them from interfering with
white labor. There is no desire on the
part of the government of Japan to see
any large number of its subjects emi-
grate to foreign countries. Japan has
a mission to fulfil that will require all
her population. As far as China is con-
cerned, we suppose the same rule
would hold good. The Chinese Em-
peror probably never gives the emigra-
tion of a few thousands of his people a
second thought. It is by no means im-
possible that the suggestion may afford a
clue to a solution of the vexed question.

Among the many transportation enter-
prises that are before the legislature,
none is of greater importance, so far as
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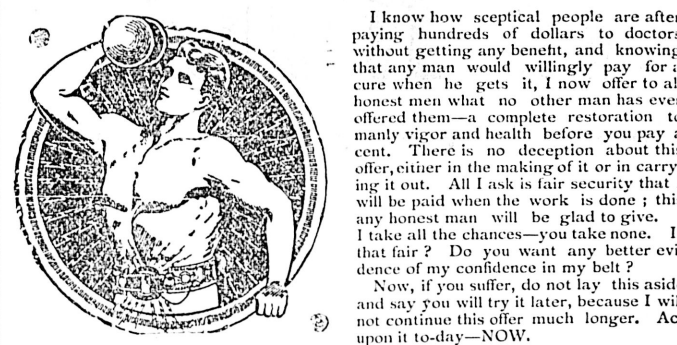
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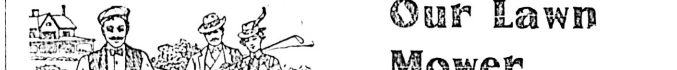
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Child's Funeral.—The funeral of Alfred Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townsend, of Foul Bay road, took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, the Rev. Mr. Fisher officiating and Master Conison, Gibson, Nelson and Taylor acting as pall-bearers.

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Provincial
Legislature

The Public School Bill Passes
Committee of the Whole
House.

Several Bills Advanced a Stage
—Second Readings and
Reports.

Legislative Assembly, 26th Day.

Tuesday, April 2.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m.

Rev. W. B. Evans offered prayer.

The following petitions were received:

From Isaac Harris and others, of South Victoria, re government ownership of railways.

From J. E. Skinner and others, of Sloan City, re government ownership of railways.

From Thomas Dunn & Co., Ltd., and others, re proposed amendments to the Explosives Storage Act.

From John Riordan and others, residents of Phoenix, re government ownership of railways.

From Alfred Parr and others, residents of Ymir, re government ownership of railways.

MODEL RAILWAY BILL.

Mr. Fulton moved that Rule 65A of last session be repealed, and that the model railway bill submitted be adopted. Carried.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BILL.

The consideration of the Public School bill was resumed in committee of the whole. Mr. Taylor in the chair.

Mr. McPhillips moved that Section 12 (No. 27) of the bill be allowed to stand as the proposed amendment could not but create friction between councils and school trustees.

Mr. Brown moved that Section 38 of the bill be also allowed to stand.

Mr. Martin did not consider this a wise step. The retention of these sections would not solve the difficulty, which will continue to exist between the city council and the trustees. The house should take steps to settle the matter one way or the other.

Hon. Mr. Prentice said his opinion was unchanged. Trustees should have full power to deal with school matters, but in order to meet the views of all parties and to give those interested a chance to come to an understanding of the question, he was willing to accept the motions and allow the law to stand in its present form until next session.

Mr. Curtis said the city council should control, or the trustees should be given power to strike a rate of assessment and levy directly on the ratepayers.

Mr. Helmcken contended that it would be better to stick to the law as it was than adopt amendments which were largely experimental.

Mr. Gilmour pointed out that the city council of Vancouver had just declined to grant the demands of the school trustees. He would like to see the law amended to meet the requirements of the case.

The amendments were struck out and the two sections of the bill not ordered to stand.

Hon. Mr. Prentice inserted a proviso that the sections regarding elections of school trustees shall come into force on January 1, 1902.

The bill was then reported complete with amendments, third reading fixed for next sitting.

UPPER COLUMBIA NAVIGATION.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the second reading of the Upper Columbia Navigation and Subsidy Act 1502.

amendment bill, Mr. Martin declared the whole scheme a fraud from its inception. Every acre given to the company was absolutely thrown away. The tramway had never been worked, and he hoped the case would serve as an object lesson to the house not to be so ready in the future to give away the public domain.

Hon. Mr. Wells said the use of the tramway was abandoned for some time.

but he was informed that the company was now operating it, and also that they were preparing to operate steamers. He agreed with the leader of the opposition that great care should be exercised in granting subsidies.

The bill was then read a second time.

In moving the second reading of the Steam Boiler Inspection bill, Hon. Mr. Wells said the system of inspection in the past had not been found adequate in the interests of the public, and it was deemed advisable to provide such a system as would secure to the public the possibility of accident and injury to the public.

The new act would not entitle any additional expenditure from the public revenue.

Hon. Mr. Wells then briefly reviewed the provisions of the bill, pointing out the importance of insisting upon qualifying examinations for men in charge of boilers and engines. He hoped the bill would commend itself to the support of the house.

Mr. Gilmour complimented the Chief Commissioner on his bill, which was better and more comprehensive than similar acts in force in Ontario, Quebec and several of the United States.

Mr. Helmcken gave credit to Mr. Wells for his carefully prepared measure, which had been heartily approved by a representative delegation of engineers which he had had the honor of introducing to the Minister. It would be observed that a feature of the bill, and a commendable one, was that it provided for the employment of British subjects.

Mr. Oliver also expressed his satisfaction with the bill.

The bill was then read a second time.

MAGISTRATES BILL.

Hon. Mr. Roberts moved the second reading of the Magistrates bill, explaining that it was to enable the commissioners of justices of the peace to be made for the whole province, instead of having to rectify the counties and districts.

REPORTS.

The report of the committee of the whole on the Queen Charlotte Island Railway bill was adopted.

The report on the Imperial Pacific Railway Company was adopted.

GRAND FORKS BY-LAWS.

Consideration of the Grand Forks City By-Laws (Validation bill) was taken up in committee of the whole. Mr. Martin in the chair. The bill was reported complete without amendment.

COAL MINES REGULATION.

Hon. Mr. McBride introduced a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, which was read a first time. The second reading was fixed for the next sitting of the house.

BILLS REPORTED.

The bill to incorporate the Crawford Bay Railway was considered in committee of the whole. Mr. A. W. Smith in the chair. The bill was reported complete.

The Vancouver & Grand Forks Railway bill was taken up in committee of the whole. Mr. Smith in the chair, and reported complete with amendments.

The Coast-Kootenay railway bill, as considered in committee of the whole, Mr. Neil in the chair. The bill provides for the construction of a road from a point on the Fraser river, near Fraser river, to a point on the Kettle river, and the town of Midway to the city of Grand Forks. The committee rose and reported progress.

The committee of the whole considered the Vancouver & Kootenay railway bill, Mr. Hawthornthwaite in the chair, and reported the bill complete.

The house then adjourned till 2 p.m. today.

SESSIONAL NOTES.

Premier Dunsmuir's dinner at the Grand last night was a pleasant event. The guests included the cabinet ministers and the members of the legislature.

Aldermen Yates, Beckwith and Cameron formed a delegation which waited upon the municipal committee yesterday to lay before it certain proposed amendments to the Municipal Act. Several

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matters were discussed, and it was agreed to hold another conference.

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The Birmingham Daily Post thus speaks of Madame Albani's singing at the great Festival in Dvorak's "Spectre's Bride": "It is always a pleasure to hear Mrs. Albani sing, she never spares herself, but throws all her energy into the work before her. Her part was given with the artlessness which is the highest art." In the duet where she asks:

"Will she be glad to see me come?" the expression was perfect, and the vehement "Answer me" was a dramatic touch that stirred the listener. The appeal for rest was agonizing in its intensity, and the prayer of Virgin Mother, Mother, gracious be, was pure in feeling and deeply touching. As a matter of fact, Madame Albani's efforts was a performance fine in every way.

As a great many patrons of the theatre objected to a general programme for Good Friday night and some to attending at all, Mr. Jamieson has arranged to give two concerts, one on Good Friday to be thoroughly shared in its character, and that for Saturday night to be the usual programme, already announced. The sale of seats for both will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

First Meeting of the Recently Appointed Ladies' Committee.

The first meeting of the recently appointed committee for the intended maintenance of the R. C. Protestant Orphan's Home, was held yesterday at the orphanage, Hill side avenue. There were present Mrs. James McCallum, Hayward, Hutcheson, Higgins, Giesing, Bonaguidi, Adams, Giesing, Carter, Muzzigoldi, Shalowski, H. Wilson and Mrs. West Wilson. After routine business the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. W. F. McCallum; vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Hayward; treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Higgins; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. S. Giesing. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers.

The visiting committee reported several improvements made during the month, and submitted bills amounting to \$100.00, which were approved.

Mrs. Foster reported not being able to attend the meeting tendered her resignation, which was received and referred to the managers.

Application for admission of six children were received and referred to the special committee on admissions.

Messdames Wilson and Giesing were named the visiting committee for April.

The matron reported all the children in good health and thankfully acknowledged recent donations for the orphanage.

Mrs. J. H. Todd, philanthropist; Mrs. J. Partridge, dress, bonnet and paper; Mrs. Wm. Atkin, large ball of drapery; Mrs. McDowell, clothing; etc.; Mrs. W. J. Smith, clothing; etc.; Mrs. Alex. Wilson, clothing, boots and rubbers; Miss Carroll, 20th road of lace; A. Friend, clothing; Mrs. Nelson, Cade Hill, 4 sacks of flour; A. Friend, cash \$1 and box of cakes; Mrs. Jackson, plants and seeds; I. C. C. Cakes; per Mrs. Dean, 20 pairs drawers; Natural History Society, books, sundries, and oranges; Mrs. W. F. McCallum, clothing; Mr. A. Tate, Milk; Mr. S. M. Robbins, Sunline, 6 tons nut coal, Colonist and Times, daily papers; A. Friend, per L. Goodacre, large parcel bulbs.

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The Millinery Salon is to-day in all the fullness of beauty—more radiant than on the first reception days—Paris has sent her latest conjurings, and hundreds of masterpieces from our own workrooms go to make our Easter Millinery Show Peerless.

Prices range from..... \$4.50

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THE WEATHER.

Metropolitan Office, Victoria, April 2, 8 p. m.
SYNOPSIS.
The barometer remains abnormally low over British Columbia and rainfall has been general throughout the Pacific slope, with light snow on the higher levels of Central Oreg. Westward, the temperature has been lower, and frost has occurred at several stations. In the Northwest the storm area is centered in Saskatchewan and snow is falling at Calgary and Edmonton.

TEMPERATURE.	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	35	45
New Westminster	35	46
Kamloops	35	46
Barberville	24	36
Calgary	28	38
Winnipeg	28	38
Portland, Ore.	38	44
San Francisco, Cal.	46	54

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time), Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Light or moderate variable winds, partly cloudy with occasional showers, not much change in temperature.

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Lower Mainland: Light or moderate variable winds, partly cloudy and cold with occasional snow or rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. On Wednesday taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

TEMPERATURE.	Min.	Max.
5 a. m.	36	40
11 a. m.	43	45
5 p. m.	43	45
Direction and force of the wind were as follows:		
5 a. m.	4-6 miles southwest.	
Noon.	4-6 miles east.	
5 p. m.	4-6 miles east.	

Average state of weather: Partly cloudy. Rain and melted snow. -0.2 inch. Sunshine—4 hours 54 minutes. Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected, 29.62.

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected, 29.70.

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Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.

VICTORIA TIDES.
For the month of April, 1901.

(Classified by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average low water yearly tide, and is the zero of the scale of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120 meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Date.	Day.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1 M.	1	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
2 T.	2	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
3 W.	3	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
4 Th.	4	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
5 F.	5	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
6 S.	6	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
7 S.	7	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
8 M.	8	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
9 Tu.	9	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
10 W.	10	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
11 Th.	11	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
12 F.	12	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
13 S.	13	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
14 S.	14	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
15 M.	15	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
16 Tu.	16	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
17 W.	17	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
18 Th.	18	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
19 F.	19	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
20 S.	20	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
21 S.	21	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
22 M.	22	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
23 Tu.	23	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
24 W.	24	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
25 Th.	25	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
26 F.	26	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
27 S.	27	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
28 S.	28	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
29 M.	29	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7
30 Tu.	30	1:32	7.3	7:50	4.8	13:23	6.7

LIFE ON THE RAIL.
Mr. George Cummings, Barr, Ont., one of the best known engineers on the G. T. R., writes: "For years I suffered from kidney disease brought on by railroad life. The doctors called it 'railroad kidney,' but could give me no permanent relief. A friend recommended Dr. Chase's Kidney Pills, saying they had cured him. I took a few boxes of this grand medicine completely cured me, putting an end to the dreadful pain in my back and greatly strengthening the kidneys. I am a well man now. Thanks to Dr. Chase." One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

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We regret that the owners of the furniture advertised to be sold by us at 11 o'clock, yesterday, sold the furniture privately, without giving us the opportunity to advertise the cancellation of the sale. It was in no way our fault, and we immediately commenced legal proceedings against the owners. We apologize to those ladies and gentlemen who attended at the time of the sale for the inconvenience, and an annoyance, assuring them that we have taken the only means in our power to prevent anyone else causing us or any other auctioneer any annoyance.

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Nearing the End of Labors

Royal Commission Hopes to Adjourn in Victoria This Week.

Invitation to Anyone Who Has Not Testified and Desires to Do So.

At yesterday morning's session of the royal commission, President Clute stated that it was the desire of the commission to complete the taking of evidence here by Thursday, but that nevertheless it was not the intention to debar any one who personally or as representative of others, desired to give evidence before the commission. Anxious as the commission was to complete its labors here by Thursday, they would be willing to give a day or two more for any witness who had not been arranged with for testimony, in order to enable any one desiring to attend to give evidence. All that was necessary was for such persons to communicate with the secretary, Mr. Deane.

The first witness called yesterday was Mr. H. B. Gilmour, M.P.P., of Vancouver. He stated that he was a mechanical engineer, and in that capacity had been in the employ of the C. P. R. until two years ago last October. He favored total prohibition of both Chinese and Japanese. Conditions of Chinese labor seemed to be almost servile, as the bosses made all the contracts.

President Clute pointed out that this was a serious statement, as no evidence had yet been tendered to show that very existed in any form among the Chinese in the province.

Mr. Gilmour thought the Chinese had not advanced the development of the country. He believed if the provincial government had power to prevent its own civil servants, who were British subjects from voting they had power to prevent Orientals from voting. The Japs and Chinese had taken the place of white men as section hands on the C. P. R. and in extra crews and in some places, New Westminster for instance, in handling freight.

To Commissioner Munn witness said he believed Japanese were employed on the G. N., but that they were found not to be satisfactory and were being replaced. He thought legislation should be for the people and not for a railway corporation. He would not agree that the fact of one railway using Japanese labor would justify the government allowing a railway in this country to use them. The Empress line of steamers did not depend on Oriental immigration. If that were stopped, to-morrow the Empresses would go right on the same as now.

Frank Saxby, the next witness, told of how he had tried to get work at Chemainus, in the saw mill, but there were 150 Chinese and Japs and he was told there was no work. Skilled positions were filled by white men. White men engaged in ordinary work were he believed paid \$1.75 to \$2.00 per day. Orientals so far as he knew were paid from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per day. He had been in nearly every state in the United States and had seen in California the effect of the exclusion of Orientals. He did not think any industry there had been seriously affected by the exclusion. There had always been plenty of white labor in the market in San Francisco and other large cities of the state. W. E. Munn said he was a Canadian by birth and had never been naturalized in the United States. He had ramblod a good deal over the country and had been forced to give up rambling and prospecting which had been his business because his money had given out. The following of prospecting was much more difficult on account of the difficulty to get work when he ran out of funds and wanted to make another grubstake.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

E. J. Palmer, manager of the Chemainus mill, gave evidence at the afternoon session of the commission. At present they employed in the mill 58 whites, 55 Chinese, and 50 Japanese. The lowest wages to white men were \$2 per day, and highest, \$8 per day. Chinese were paid from \$1 to \$1.25, and one was paid \$1.50. Japanese were paid from \$1 to \$1.25. In the woods they employed 125 whites, the wages ranging from \$2.25 to \$3.75 per day, averaging

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\$2.86. Nineteen Chinese and 59 Japanese employed in the woods. The Chinese in the woods got \$1.25 per day. This was the first time they had Japanese in the woods. They were in export trade entirely, and came into competition with the mills of the South. The Port of Vancouver is the only one employing Japanese. They had over 300 of them since the Nome rush of a year or so ago. United States mills had an advantage of 1s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per thousand over British Columbia mills in rates of freight on sailing vessels. This was made up of pilotage charges, extra cost of supplies and sick mariners' benefit. It would be impossible under present conditions to compete if the Chinese were taken out of the employment of the mills. The mill, never employed white men exclusively. Witness said there were sufficient Orientals here now. If further immigration were prevented, there might be a little inconvenience, but it would right itself. Throwing all sympathy means in our power to prevent anyone else causing us or any other auctioneer any annoyance.

To Mr. Munn, Mr. Palmer gave particulars of the mills in this province engaged in export trade as compared with the mills of the United States. The rate of the Port of Vancouver mill last year was \$9,711,000 feet; Chemainus, 37,125,000 feet; Hastings, about 2,000,000 feet; Moodyville, about 1,000,000 to 18,000,000 feet. The total output of British Columbia was about one-third of that of the mills of Puget Sound. A large portion of the export business was controlled by Portland, Ore., and there white labor was employed exclusively. In Tacoma the pay of white laborers averaged \$1.75 per day. When Chinese were employed they were paid \$1 to \$1.50 per day. No white man got less than \$1.05 per day. The cost of living on the other side, witness thought, was 15 per cent. less than here. Men here had to pay about \$5 per week for room and board.

In freight rates, there was an average of 50 cents per thousand, against his mill, as compared with United States mills. European, African and Indian export lumber trade took all rough lumber. Milling was done in the States. Adelaide about 10 per cent. dressed, while Sydney varied from 10 to 30 per cent. dressed. China took a small percentage dressed lumber, and South America took a considerable proportion of dressed lumber. He would not say more than that they get on the United States side, in order to have white men, if they would bring their families and settle down so that he could depend on them. Lumber is now supposed to be \$1 higher than it was a few years ago. Logs had also risen in price. They were higher now than ever they had been before.

To Mr. Bradburn, witness said the freight rates were not the only advantage of the United States. The United States had a market for everything. In order to get away with the difficulty, he favored exclusion of the Orientals and white men would come and settle.

To Mr. Foley, witness said exclusion had not been harmful to the United States mills. They were well able to compete with British Columbia mills. He would favor an exclusion act. There were enough in the country. Wages here are no higher than on the Sound, taking cost of living into consideration. Henry Croft, the next witness, said he was principally engaged in mining at Mount Sicker, 45 miles from Victoria. Both white labor and Japanese were employed at the mines. Whites worked in the mines, the Japs worked on the surface. They had tried to get boys to work at sorting the ore. Boys were paid \$1.50 per day, but they would only stay a short time. They had to get some other class, and had taken Japanese, paying them 10 cents per day. These were satisfactory employees in every way. They sorted all the ore carefully, and none was wasted. The foreman, who came from the States, was opposed to any but white labor. They could not get Japs to work at \$2.75, which was he understood, the rate in the Kootenays to men for sorting.

He did not put the savings in employing additional miners, as the profit on the workings of the mine would not stand it.

Mr. Croft volunteered his opinion that he was opposed to Oriental immigration. Nevertheless, in a new country like this, or Queensland or South Africa, where cost of production was high, it was necessary to have a class of cheap labor to allow competition with countries which had cheap labor. Otherwise, commerce would not develop.

To Commissioner Clute, he said he thought there were enough Orientals in the country at present. His interests could not suffer if there were more allowed to come in. It might be a good thing to import cheap labor under contract to clear large areas of agricultural lands and then deport them. Mr. Croft considered the United States mines were on a different footing because of heavy tariff protection of the large home market, and they also had the same outside markets as available for this country.

To Commissioner Munn, witness said if there was continued progress in mining development, there would not be enough Orientals here unless there was other cheap labor available.

As to mines of low grade ore in the United States being worked by white labor at a profit, he said they were free milling and not smelting propositions.

To Mr. Wilson, witness said that would be the means of regulating the inflow of Orientals, witness said they would not be permitted to enter if they interfered with white labor. He did not think, however, that they interfered with white labor at the present time. As to who would be the judges, of course the people who elected the government would decide when it was necessary to allow more in.

The commission adjourned till this morning.

MOUNT SICKER.

Mount Sicker, April 1, (Special).—A general store opened on Saturday on the town site and another will soon follow. About a dozen houses have been built in the last week.

The Lenora Company have now an air shaft in connection with the tunnel and tools and material are being lowered now let down the shaft, which makes it much more convenient.

Snow fell a few days ago to the depth of six inches, but has now disappeared.

The saw mill, after running full blast is hardly able to fill all demands for lumber.

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The Tyee Company's new compressor machinery is doing great work and the company are making rapid progress.

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Auctioneer.

EVANGELISTIC MISSION.

First of a Series of Meetings Held Here Last Evening.

Mr. W. M. Oatts, the Scottish evangelist, commenced the series of services arranged for by the Ministerial Association, in the Reformed Episcopal church at 4 p. m. yesterday. The Bible reading showed Mr. Oatts to be a careful student of the Word and an able expositor of the same.

In the evening the service was held in the First Presbyterian church. The attendance, though not large, was encouraging for a beginning. Most of the members of the Ministerial Association were present.

Mr. Oatts is an easy speaker, possessed of a strong, clear voice, with a slight Scottish burr which is pleasing to others besides the sons of the heather. He prefaced his address by a reference to the journey which he had taken and was now completing, in the interests of the Young Men's Christian Association. From England to London, where he had the great Baptist missionary, Abner Judson. In New Zealand and the Australian Commonwealth he preached to thousands in the large halls and churches and in the open air; and now, homeward bound, he once more hailed with joy the opportunity afforded of speaking on behalf of his Saviour.

After the singing of a hymn of pleading tenderness by Mrs. Oatts, the earnest-hearted evangelist addressed the audience upon Paul's profession of faith. "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The sermon was an eminently practical discourse, and could not but have made a deep impression. In the "after meeting" which followed, and to which nearly everyone remained, Mr. Oatts gave the story of his own conversion, and the obstacles which he made on the necessity of a "cleared" life for Christ were pointed and convincing.

The church should be filled each of the remaining evenings of this week.

The Bible reading will be held, as usual, in the Reformed Episcopal church at 4 p. m., and a prayer meeting, to which all Christians are invited, will be held half an hour before the evening service in the Christian Endeavor room of the First Presbyterian church.

MEETING THE FARMERS.

Agricultural Lecturers Visit Cowichan and Are Well Received.

Duncan, April 1.—The visiting lecturers from the East, Mr. Duncan Anderson and Mr. A. Elliott, duly arrived in Duncan on Saturday, and were well received by a numerous and representative audience from all parts of Cowichan. With them came also Mr. Blanchard, of Port Hadlock, Wash., and Mr. F. W. Hodson, the well known and deservedly popular Dominion live stock commissioner. Mr. Hodson is in fact the chief of all the "Farmers' Institutes," and a man whose wonderful ability and organizing power is not as well known as it should be, or as it probably soon will be, in this province. It is not often that a meeting of farmers is confronted by such an "embarrassment of riches" as the way of the lecturers, as presented by these four gentlemen, all of them successful, all of them experts in their profession, and each one ready to give away his experience for the asking. Some long ago would he not to go to the States, and Mr. Hodson exemplified how the points of special interest in each lecture can be brought out in the discussion which follows, or even while the lecture is going on. Mr. Hodson afterwards addressed the meeting on some long range of land, and then he and his lecturers were here, not by any means entirely to instruct, but also to study the conditions of the country and the requirements of farming. The information that they would take back to Ontario would be used to devise schemes for the general advancement of agriculture in this province, and particularly to point out to the young men in the East, those who had every intention of emigrating, that if they wished to do so, there was no need to go to the States to the United States to find fresh fields for their labors. They could come out West to the boundless possibilities of British Columbia, and still remain in Canada under the flag of the British Empire.

At the close of the proceedings, Major Muter moved a vote of thanks to the visitors, which was seconded by Mr. James Evans, and carried with much enthusiasm. Mr. Hodson, in reply, greatly emphasized the excellent services of the president, Mr. Hodson, who is at the secretary of the B. C. Dairyman's Association, in obtaining the importation of carloads of pure-bred stock. He called for three cheers for Mr. Hodson, which were given with great heartiness.

INSURANCE.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council, Victoria, B. C.:

Dear Sirs: The Ottawa Fire Insurance Co., of Ottawa, have appointed me their general agent for Victoria and Vancouver Island. The company are not members of the Fire Underwriters Association, and therefore are in a position to give a rate for all your municipal buildings as well as to the insurers of your city, making a reduction of 10 per cent. below present current rates. For this reduction and advantage to your city I ask a rebate of city tax for six months from the time of commencing business. This small concession is requested owing to the fact that we shall not be able to do much more than to get the company to the insuring public with that time, and also by reason of the fact that the tax of \$300 is very high and is considered by some companies to be prohibitive.

I, as general agent, am authorized to say that every act of ordinance and condition of your city will be complied with; also that my company will never enter any combination to raise rates. I have the honor to remain your obedient servant.

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FEEDING THE DEAD.

Chinese Hold Their Yearly Ceremonies at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The usual "feeding the dead" ceremonies, which are conducted once each year by the Chinese residents, took place on Sunday, and all day long strings of hacks and express wagons were passing along the streets leading to Ross Bay cemetery, where at the altar erected there in one corner of the cemetery the ceremonies took place. Toasted pigs, chickens, ducks, bottles of Chinese wines and whiskeys, cigarettes, apples and all the viands, dainties and delicacies that Chinatown can sell were carried out and placed upon the altar at the cemetery, the whole being offerings made to the spirit of the departed Chinese whose remains lie in that corner of the cemetery. The array of eatables was placed little by little on the altar, and each succeeding cluster of Chinese who went out low-towed to